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**AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office action dated May 1, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on August 1, 2008. Applicants request, and submit a fee for, a one month extension of time.